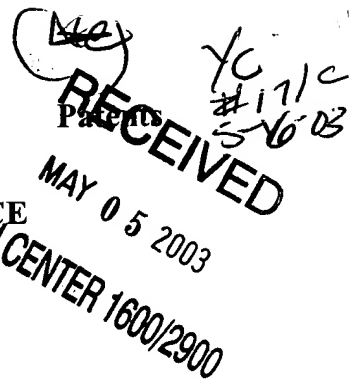




IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of:

West et al.

Application No.: 09/653,406

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For: Nitric Oxide-Producing Hydrogel
Materials

Art Unit: 1615

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 AND
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.113**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 24, 2002, please amend the application as indicated below and kindly consider the following remarks. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and \$55 check to cover the fee for a small entity. No additional fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.

CERTIFICATION OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on April 24, 2003.

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